

# *Cuyahoga Valley National Park Volunteer Program*

## *Building a Community of Park Stewards*



## **Cuyahoga Valley National Park Internship Opportunity**

- Position Title:** Crooked River Cooperative Weed Management Area Crew Leader (4 Positions)
- Dates of Internship:** Approximately mid May-late August
- Hours:** 24 - 40 hours per week. Flexible Schedule, potentially weekends
- Location:** Four crews will be spread between four counties within the Cuyahoga River watershed: Summit County, Cuyahoga County, Geauga County, and Portage County.
- Duties:** Crew leader will oversee work of 2-4 crew members performing exotic plant management control at a variety of sites within the Cuyahoga River watershed. The crew leader will perform the duties and direct activities of crew on a day to day basis with regular instruction and oversight from project leader. The crew will assist with many aspects of invasive plant control and removal including but not limited to manual removal, chemical application of herbicides using backpack sprayers and hand sprayers, and using hand and power tools to remove woody invasive species. Crew may have opportunities to assist with other aspects of vegetation management including collecting native seeds; propagating native plants; preparing sites for planting; and planting native plants at restoration sites. Crew leaders will be responsible for operating crew vehicle, ensuring safety, managing equipment, timesheets, and accurate data collection. The work involves carrying heavy loads, bending and stooping, and wearing long-sleeve shirts and rubber gloves in hot and humid weather. Crew will work in proximity to poison ivy, stinging insects, plants with thorns, and wildlife. Interns may also undertake independent, solitary projects.
- Skills Required:** Leadership, good communication, self motivation, conscientiousness, patience, and ability to work in stressful environments with a small group.
- Requirements:** Must be a senior and preferably over 25 years of age. Background in biological science or park management with interest in fieldwork. Applicants must complete a National Park Service Volunteer-in-Parks Agreement and may be subject to a background investigation. U.S. citizenship, valid driver's license, and reliable transportation required.
- Local candidates only.
- Salary/Benefits:** \$12/hour. Student may obtain internship credit with university upon approval of academic advisor. Interns are eligible for injury compensation and tort claims the same as federal employees and are considered to be federal employees for those purposes only.
- Outcomes:** Result of internship will be practical experience leading others in and performing the control of invasive plant species with a Federal, State, or Local land management agency. Agency staff will train crew leader to instruct crew on: (1) identify invasive plants; (2) understand methods to manage exotic plants using chemical and mechanical techniques; and (3) use GPS monitoring technology.
- How to Apply:** Send résumé and cover letter to [apply@forcvnp.org](mailto:apply@forcvnp.org) with the position title as subject line by March 31. Please indicate your geographic preference(s) in your cover letter.

